

Remarks:

1. Applicant thanks Examiner for his careful review of the present application and appreciates the conditional allowance of claims 3 – 5.
2. **Cross-Reference Section:** The typing error in the application number has been corrected to read “10/233,718”. The information has been updated to include the U.S. Patent number of a parent application that has issued as a patent. A Supplemental ADS is provided that includes this information.
3. **Amendments to the Specification:** Changes to paragraphs [0054] – [0060], [0066], and [0067] were originally made in the underlying patent application 10/352,302, now U.S. Patent 6,824,147 B2, and are being submitted here again.
4. In paragraph [0054], language was added that the crossbar 213 is connect to the side rails 221 at a connection point 213A. The connection point is shown in FIG. 10. Other changes made in this paragraph were clarifications of the types of drawings and what is not shown.
5. In paragraph [0055] a reference to features shown in dotted lines in FIG. 11 was deleted. The features referred to, crossbar 213 and wheel 18, are either not shown in this figure or not shown in dotted lines, but are shown in several other figures of the same embodiment.
6. In paragraphs [0056] and [0057], the reference designation “side rail 212” was changed to correctly read “side rail 221”. Reference to “side rail 221” is found in the Specification as originally filed in paragraphs [0054] and [0055] and is shown in FIGS. 9 – 12. In the second sentence in paragraph [0056], “with the curved groove 223” was inserted following “side rail 221” and the reference designation “301” changed to “306”. Language supporting the inserted language referring to the curved groove is found in paragraphs [0054] and [0055]. Several corrections to correct syntax or grammar were made. These amendments are either corrections of errors or simple clarifications.

7. In paragraph [0058] a sentence is added that refers to the bolt 35 that attaches the wheel-mounting bracket 19 to the side wall of the ski. The bolt and reference designation "35" are shown in FIGS. 14 – 16.

8. In paragraphs [0058] and [0059] language is added with reference to bores provided in the ski for mounting the side-wall mounting bracket 304. These amendments are for clarification purposes only.

9. Amendments in paragraphs [0060], [0066], and [0067] are for clarification purposes only.

10. In paragraph [0074], the words "In the embodiment shown," were added to a description of the mounting bracket 720.

11. None of the amendments to the Specification introduce new subject matter and Applicant respectfully requests approval and entry of these amendments.

12. **Amendments to the Claims:** Claim 1 has been amended to recite a mounting bracket that is anchorable (rather than "attaches") to the inner surface of the bottom of the ski (shown in FIG. 26). The language reciting an intermediate section has been deleted and placed in new dependent claim. Language describing the mounting section has been amended to describe a section that extends substantially parallel to a sidewall of the ski (shown in FIG. 26).

13. Claim 3 has been amended to properly recite the "bottom of said ski," as requested by Examiner.

14. In claim 4, "as" was amended to --has-- to correct a typing error

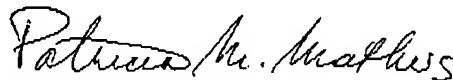
15. Claim 5 has been amended to recite only a right mounting section and a left mounting section. The rest of the language originally included in the claim is unnecessary, as the intermediate section is recited in claim 6.

16. Claim 7 has been added, reciting a mounting bore for mounting a wheel unit.

17. **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b):** Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 as being anticipated by **Rogers, U.S. Patent 3,777,829**. Examiner asserts that the mounting bracket disclosed by Rogers reads on claim 1 of the present application because it supposedly attaches to an inner surface of the ski. As shown in FIGS. 2 – 4, 7 and 8, the bracket 40 is mounted on the outside of the ski. The Rogers bracket has an inwardly turned portion adapted to engage and overlie a portion of the lateral ski edge. (Claim 1). The bracket has an obtuse angle “in which the longitudinally extending medial ski rib portion 32 rests.” Col. 3, lines 16, 17. The bracket is slipped under the ski until the hook end 44 of the bracket is engaged on the curled edge 30 of the ski body, and the medial ski rib comes to rest in the obtuse angle on the upper side of the bracket. The ski is clamped into place by moving the member 56 so that the upstanding lugs or ears 68 secure the outer edge 28 of the ski body and tightening the fastener 52. See Col. 3, lines 19 – 30 and installation instruction in col. 4, lines 9 – 27. FIG. 2 illustrates the ski body secured in the bracket 40, and FIGS. 7 and 8 show the user mounting the bracket by slipping it under the ski and hooking the hook end over the ski body.

18. Clearly, the mounting device of Rogers is not anchorable to the inner surface of the bottom of the ski, and thus, Rogers does not anticipate the device as claimed in claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 of the present application contains allowable subject matter and therefore requests that Examiner withdraw his rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and allow claim 1 and its dependent claims 3 – 7.

Respectfully submitted,



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Supplemental ADS